CIA suspected Castro, says memo

James Johnston, counsel to the Senate's 1975 probe into CIA activities, told a House committee Wednesday that newly released CIA memos indicate the agency suspected Cuban President Fidel Castro of planting assassins in the USA about the time President John Kennedy was killed.

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The memo indicates Castro's government aided Cuban-born Gilberto Lopez — who had been living in Tampa, visited by Kennedy a week before his death — by granting him quick re-entry into Cuba despite an expired passport. Lopez was the sole passenger aboard a Cubana flight from Mexico City Nov. 27, 1963. Johnston said the documents suggest a hesitancy by the CIA to thoroughly probe the Cuban angle.

Also, James Lesar of the Assassination Archives and Research Center told the House panel that up to 80% of documents relating to Kennedy's assassination still are unattainable by the public because Congress hasn't confirmed members of a panel that is suppose to review and release the documents. *— Sandra Sanchez*

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